Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to cast a ballot on Election Day; and,

Whereas, During federal elections millions of Americans report that they failed to vote because they did not know how to register to vote or missed a voter registration deadline; and,

Whereas, The voter registration deadline in South Dakota is 15 days prior to any election; and,

Whereas, While our state has made great progress with 579,671 South Dakota residents currently registered to vote, there are an additional 72,881 people who are at least 18 years of age, but are not yet registered; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Secretary of State's Office has a Voter Information Portal available on their website and a mobile application named Vote605 to enable current registered voters to confirm their registration status, find their polling place, and view their sample ballot; and,

Whereas, The need for public information and education regarding voter registration and related deadlines is extremely critical in South Dakota as voters prepare to take part in the 2018 Primary and General elections:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2017, as

VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

in South Dakota, and I encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State